

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of displaying an electronic file to a primary user having a primary workstation, ~~said primary workstation~~ coupled to a videoconferencing system via a global computer network, and displaying said electronic file to at least one secondary viewer via a secondary workstation connected to said computer network at a remote location, comprising:

conducting a videoconference between said primary and secondary workstations via a multiway conferencing unit (MCU);

~~accessing a first file and displaying contents of said~~ a first file on said primary workstation while conducting said videoconference;

displaying said contents of said first file at said remote location on a on the secondary workstation during said videoconference, ~~said secondary workstation coupled to said global computer network;~~

~~accessing a second file, said second file comprising information relating to said first file;~~

displaying first and second contents of said second file on said primary workstation as a primary workstation overlay displayed on top of said displayed contents of said first file by replacing a pixel of said displayed contents of said first file displayed on said primary workstation with a pixel of the primary workstation overlay so that the primary workstation overlay and a portion of the displayed contents of said first file are simultaneously viewable on said primary workstation ~~a transparent overlay to said displayed contents of said first file;~~
and

displaying said second contents of said second file on said secondary workstation as a secondary workstation overlay while not displaying said first contents of said second file on

said secondary workstation, said secondary workstation overlay displayed on top of said displayed contents of said first file by replacing a pixel of said displayed contents of said first file displayed on said secondary workstation with a pixel of the secondary workstation overlay so that the secondary workstation overlay and a portion of the displayed contents of said first file are simultaneously viewable on said secondary workstation.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said second file comprises annotations to said first file.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2, further comprising:
displaying said contents of said first file on another secondary workstation; and
wherein
displaying said first contents of said second file are displayed as a transparent as an
overlay to said displayed contents of said first file on said another secondary workstation.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said first file and said second file are stored in a server computer.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 4, wherein said first file and second file are a single file, and said second file contains a code to indicate that said first contents of said second file are not for display at said secondary workstation.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein said primary workstation comprises a plurality of memory units, and wherein said first file is stored in a first memory unit and said second file is stored in a second memory unit.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 6, wherein said first and second contents of said second file are overlaid over said contents of said first file using means for coupling said first file and said second file.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3, wherein said ~~primary user comprises a customer service representative and said secondary viewer comprises a customer, and said global computer network comprises the Internet.~~

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising activating said first file for editing by said at least one secondary viewer.

Claims 11-24 (Cancelled):

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A machine readable storage medium comprising a set of instructions executable by a computer system to implement a method of displaying an electronic file to a primary user having a primary workstation, said primary workstation coupled to a videoconferencing system via a computer network, and displaying said electronic file to at least one secondary viewer via a secondary workstation at a remote location, the method comprising:

conducting a videoconference between said primary and secondary workstations via a multiway conferencing unit (MCU);

displaying contents of a first file on said primary workstation while conducting said videoconference;

displaying said contents of said first file on the secondary workstation during said videoconference;

accessing a second file comprising information relating to said first file;

displaying first and second contents of said second file on said primary workstation as a primary workstation overlay on top of said displayed contents of said first file by replacing a pixel of said displayed contents of the first file displayed on the primary workstation with a pixel of the primary workstation overlay so that the primary workstation overlay and a portion of the displayed contents of said first file are simultaneously viewable on said primary workstation; and

displaying said second contents of said second file on said secondary workstation as a secondary workstation overlay while not displaying said first contents of said second file on said secondary workstation, said secondary workstation overlay displayed on top of said displayed contents of said first file by replacing a pixel of said displayed contents of the first file displayed on the secondary workstation with a pixel of the secondary workstation overlay so that the secondary workstation overlay and a portion of the displayed contents of said first file are simultaneously viewable on said secondary workstation.

~~accessing a first file and displaying contents of said first file on a primary workstation;~~

~~displaying said contents of said first file on a secondary workstation, said secondary workstation coupled to said primary workstation and located remotely to said primary workstation;~~

~~accessing a second file, said second file comprising annotations to said first file;~~

~~displaying said first and second contents of said second file only on said primary workstation; and~~

~~displaying said second contents of said second file on said secondary workstation while not displaying said first contents of said second file on said secondary workstation.~~

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The machine-readable storage medium of claim 25, wherein the machine-readable storage medium includes a magnetic storage medium, including one of a disk and tape storage medium, an optical storage medium, a compact disk memory, a digital video disk storage medium; a nonvolatile memory storage memory; and a volatile storage medium.

Claim 27 (New): A videoconferencing system, comprising:
a computer network;
a multiway conferencing unit (MCU) connected to said computer network;
a primary workstation coupled to said MCU via said computer network;
a secondary workstation coupled to said MCU via said computer network;
a data server connected to said primary and secondary workstations via said computer network, said data server configured to store said first file and a second file including information relating to said first file; and

a data display controller configured to enable a user at the primary workstation to display said first file, and to display first and second contents of said second file on said primary workstation as a primary workstation overlay displayed on top of said displayed contents of said first file by replacing a pixel of said displayed contents of the first file displayed on the primary workstation with a pixel of the primary workstation overlay so that

the primary workstation overlay and a portion of the displayed contents of said first file are simultaneously viewable on said primary workstation,

said data display controller further configured to enable a second user at the secondary workstation to display said first file on said secondary workstation and to display said second contents of said second file as a secondary workstation overlay to said first file while not displaying said first contents of said second file on said secondary workstation, said secondary workstation overlay displayed on top of said displayed contents of said first file by replacing a pixel of said displayed contents of the first file displayed on the secondary workstation with a pixel of the secondary workstation overlay so that the secondary workstation overlay and a portion of the displayed contents of said first file are simultaneously viewable on said secondary workstation.